

ANC 6A Economic Development and Zoning Committee  
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Wednesday, December 15, 2010, 7 - 9pm  
Sherwood Recreation Center (640 10<sup>th</sup> St, NE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Commissioners:** David Holmes (6A03)

**Committee Members:** Dan Golden, Jeff Fletcher, Arkan Haile, Charmaine Josiah, Julie Santoboni

Dan Golden chaired the meeting.

**Call to order:** 7pm by Dan Golden

**Community Comments:** None

**Ongoing Status Reports**

1. Resolution of previously heard BZA/HPRB cases: no update.
2. 7-Eleven Appeal: no update.
3. Vacant Properties: no update.
4. H Street Business Liaison Report  
Charmaine Josiah recently met with the architect who will be the next president of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) in Washington, DC. She reported that the AIA has developed a set of guidelines regarding development on H Street and that she is going to look into getting a copy.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business**

1. ZC Case #03-02B (Gallaudet University). Application of Gallaudet University, pursuant to 11 DCMR §§ 210.1 and 3104, for special exception approval to amend an approved campus plan, and further processing under the amended campus plan, for construction of a mixed-use academic and student residential building on property zoned R-4, with premises address of 800 Florida Avenue, NE.

Phil Miller of Siegel Construction, Hansel Bauman of Gallaudet University, Jay Brinson, project manager, and Jeff Luker, architect gave a detailed presentation regarding the proposed new construction. The new building will be 60,000 square feet and five stories in height. It is budgeted at \$16 million. Gallaudet plans to break ground in April 2011 and to open the building in July 2012. The building will include a 175 bed dormitory and a first floor living and learning center. Gallaudet is seeking approval of this building separately from approval for its master plan due to the pressing need for the building.

**Motion:** Motion to request that ANC 6A provide a letter of support for the new building. The motion passed unanimously.

2. BZA #18161 (1245 G St NE). Application for a variance from the nonconforming structure provisions under subsection 2001.3, to allow a second story sunroom addition on top of an existing attached garage serving an existing one-family row dwelling in the R-4 District at premises 1245 G Street, N.E. (Square 1005, Lot 41).

Property owner Valeri Byrd was present and discussed her plans for rebuilding the existing non-conforming garage and adding a sunroom atop the new structure. Ms. Byrd indicated that the current garage is in need of structural repair and emphasized that the sunroom will not have a window on its southern face, which overlooks the adjoining property at 630 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NE. Ms. Byrd indicated that her neighbor across an alley at 1243 G Street, NE had voiced support for the project. In addition, her neighbor at 630 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NE attended the meeting and indicated that he supported the project. Ms. Byrd indicated that she had not yet spoken to any of her other neighbors regarding the project. Ms. Byrd also was not prepared at that time to address the justification for granting a variance under D.C. Code § 6-641.07(g)(3).

Due to the absence from the meeting of Ms. Byrd's architect, the lack of written statements of support from her neighbors, and Ms. Byrd's unfamiliarity with the standard for granting a variance set forth at D.C. Code § 6-641.07(g)(3), David Holmes indicated that he would seek to have the BZA postpone Ms. Byrd's hearing. Ms. Byrd indicated that she was amenable to having that postponement sought. It also was discussed that, in the event the BZA hearing could not be postponed, Ms. Byrd would have the opportunity at the full ANC 6A meeting to provide further support for her request for a variance.

**Motion:** It was moved that, in the event that the BZA hearing cannot be postponed, we request that ANC 6A provide a letter opposing the grant of a variance. The motion passed unanimously.